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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN

REF: BA-8893, BA-8585

1. VICTOR SAMUELSON, AN AMERICAN AND EXECUTIVE OF ESSO, HAS BECOME THE FOURTH AMERICAN TO BE KIDNAPPED IN ARGENTINA (SEE BA-8893). THE ERP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY AND SAID THAT HE WAS KIDNAPPED IN ORDER THAT HE BE SUBMITTED FOR TRIAL FOR THE "EXPLOITATION OF THE PEOPLE" BY MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

2. COMMENT: THE TRIAL OF ESSO EXECUTIVE SAMUELSON IS, LIKE THE OUTRIGHT MURDER OF FORD EXECUTIVE JOHN SWINT (SEE BA-8585), AN INNOVATION FOR THE LOCAL TERRORISTS. SUCH TRIALS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN RESERVED FOR MILITARY (AND OCCASIONALLY CIVILIAN) OFFICIALS OF FORMER GOVERNMENTS. THE PROFIT MOTIVE WILL HOPEFULLY EVENTUALLY RULE AND SAMUELSON'S RELEASE WILL MOST LIKELY BE EFFECTED BY THE PAYMENT OF SOME AMOUNT OF MONEY ALTHOUGH NO MENTION OF RANSOM HAS YET BEEN MADE. THE TERRORISTS AT THIS MOMENT SEEM MORE INTERESTED IN PUBLICITY. THE UNCERTAIN

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MOTIVATION IN ANY EVENT AND THE FACT THAT KIDNAPPINGS

(IF NOT WORSE) ARE STILL A FACT OF LIFE IN ARGENTINA
WILL NO DOUBT ADD TO THE UNEASINESS OF THE FOREIGN
BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
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